

Illinois Chess Association  
Board Meeting Phone Conference  
March 15, 2012, 7:30 PM CDT

**Quorum:** Present were Bill Brock, Mike Cardinale, Carl Dolson, Chris Merli, Jerry Neugarten, Mark Nibbelin, David Long, Murrel Rhodes, Tom Sprandel; absent was Maret Thorpe.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Feb 9, 2012 phone conference were unanimously approved. Minutes of the Jan 12, 2012 phone conference were approved as amended.

**President's Report:** Tom Sprandel announced that, due to his absence from ICA tournaments, he will not run for re-election in the fall of 2012. He assured the board that he will fill out his term and that he hopes for an orderly transition to a new administration.

#### **Metro Report:**

Mike Cardinale reminded us that the next IL Tour event will be in Peoria in two weeks.

Mike lamented the passing of Isaac Braswell and thanked Bill Brock for the obituary he wrote in his blog.

**Downstate Report:** David Long also reminded us of the Peoria Tournament, Jeff Smith's coming event in Bloomington, and the Springfield tournament on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carl Dolson reported that he is still seeking mailing addresses for six winners from the 2011 IL Class, and that he will contact Mikhail Korenman for help.

#### **2012 IL Open:**

Murrel Rhodes reported that the Bid Committee recommends acceptance of the bid from Sevan Muradian of NACA for 2012 IL Open, subject to resolution of questions of stipends for titled players, game time controls, and the practice of re-entry in the open section.

Tom requested that the bid documents be circulated to the board immediately and that was done. Tom further asked the board to review the documents and conduct discussions by email with a suggested decision deadline of 3/25/12. If necessary a telephone conference will be held on that day to resolve any remaining issues, and the board will decide on the bid committees recommendation.

Murrel also asked that the ICA Board set a policy for dealing with re-entry.

**2012 All Grade:**

Murrell reported that no bids had been received for the 2012 All Grade, the closing date of 6pm 3/15/12, having just passed. The tournament is scheduled to be held in the Chicago metro area this year.

Tom recommended that Murrell wait until tomorrow morning to see if any bids might come in a few hours late; the recommendation was accepted without vote. Tom further reminded the board that the bid guidelines give the board discretion on how to proceed if no bids are received; possible actions include: putting the tournament out for a new bidding period, awarding the bid to an organizer without further bidding, and deciding that the ICA itself should organize the tournament.

**CPS Proposal:**

Jerry Neugarten updated the board on current efforts. Both Mike and Jerry reported that there are still possibilities of getting mayoral endorsement or action from within CPS.

The board agreed without vote that any decision to publish on our web page or through the press would be reviewed by the entire board.

**Next Meeting:** Will be on April 19, 2012.

Minutes submitted by Tom Sprandel